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Around The Army**Fort Knox:**

The Turret reported Nov. 10 that a post employee and actor Tom Hanks share a love of typewriters.

Dan Cash, a training specialist for the Training Programs Branch, has collected nearly 100 typewriters. The majority of them are portables on which he works and also tinkers.

Cash's collection comes with a history attached to each item and some are more interesting than others. One such story is about an old Royal typewriter advertisement he bought on the Internet.

Cash said he received an e-mail from a person claiming to represent the actor Tom Hanks, who wanted to buy the ad. He said he was skeptical, but finally decided that he would give the ad to the person in exchange for an autographed photostat of the advertisement, and a letter of authenticity.

"When I sent the package off, I figured that was the end of it, but sure enough, back came the signed copy along with a nice note." It turns out that the famous actor also collects typewriters.

For more on this story and other Fort Knox, Ky., news, visit www.thenewsenterprise.com/turret on the Web.

Fort Myer:

The Pentagon reported Nov. 11 that the Praise Cafe on post caters to spiritually hungry Soldiers. Every other Friday night, Soldiers are invited to the Memorial Chapel social hall for the Praise Cafe, a chance for Soldiers to grow spiritually.

It's a laid-back atmosphere with snacks, music and discussion.

Chaplain (Cpt.) Charles Hamlin, who organized the event, realized there are people interested in developing a spiritual life but aren't comfortable with traditional church ceremonies.

It is a night of good, wholesome fun, with a free dinner afterwards – free of charge, thanks to the partnership of Fort Myer's Memorial Chapel Protestant Congregation.

For more on this story and other Fort Myer, Va., news, visit www.dcmilitary.com/army/pentagram/index.html on the Web.

Fort Stewart:

The Frontline reported Nov. 17 that mechanics from the 48th Brigade Combat Team, 24th Infantry Division (Mech), completed in seven days a task they were told would take civilian contractors four weeks to accomplish – replace the engine in a Heavy Equipment Transporter Tractor.

When Staff Sgt. Jerry Love's automotive section of Company B, 148th Support Battalion, was told that in order to replace an engine in a HETT it had to be shipped off to Camp Anaconda near Balad, Iraq, or even as far as Kuwait.

"We had more don'ts than do's when we looked at the job ahead of us," he added. "But I knew the team could get it done if we worked together."

For more on this story and other Fort Stewart, Ga., visit www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?brd=1390 on the Web.

U.S., Iraqi Soldiers pressure terrorists

By Michael Leslie
3rd Brigade PAO

CAMP TAJI, Iraq – The lights are out. The streets are dark. Soldiers trudge down the alley in silence to find a target.

Early in the morning on Nov. 9, Soldiers of 2nd Mechanized Battalion, 1st Mechanized Brigade,

9th Iraqi Army Division, walked from their patrol base in Saba Al Bor to a strategic area to catch terrorists before they had a chance to escape.

They started at their target house, knocking on the front door as an early morning surprise. Their targeted suspect was in the house and the Soldiers detained

him without a struggle.

"I think they did really well," said Maj. Steve Lutsy, 2nd Battalion, operations officer for 70th Armor Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division. "This was their first dismounted attack. We moved dismounted in the cover of

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Sgt. Troy Krahmer, a member of 2nd Bn., 70th Armor, points toward a suspicious person during a cordon and search operation in Saba Al Bor, Iraq, Nov. 9. U.S. Army photo/Wester

On target



A targeting scope site frames members of the new 4th Bde, 1st Inf. Div., cadre participating in Omega training with a borrowed 105mm howitzer this month. The light infantry battalion will include the 105mm howitzer in its weapons arsenal once it is fully formed.

Omega training studies field artillery

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

Still settling in, the 4th Brigade Combat Team continued its Omega training with a light field artillery exercise Nov. 8 on Custer Hill.

The Omega training exercises during the past few weeks have enabled the brigade to set its tactical standard operating procedures. But without its own equipment until early next year, the brigade faces some obstacles in completing its training.

"We're still at a basic level in terms of our overall numbers. But we wanted the opportunity to show and educate the rest of the brigade on our weapons system and what it takes and what expectations they should have of it," said Lt. Col. Gregory Gadsdon, 2nd Battalion, 32nd Field Artillery, commander.

So, Gadsdon looked to neighboring Fort Sill, Okla., for assistance.

"When I was at the pre-command course at Fort Sill, I was able to talk to some folks down there; and we essentially, with the 24th Infantry Division staff, Fort

Sill and myself, were able to coordinate borrowing a howitzer from the field artillery school," Gadsdon said.

Two 2nd Bn., 32nd FA, Soldiers went to Fort Sill to get the 105mm howitzer and a "Humvee" designed to pull the 4,100-pound weapon system. The howitzer was key to conducting the light field artillery portion of Omega training.

"This is the centerpiece of the training out here, the M-119 A2 howitzer," Gadsdon said.

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Loose 'blogs' may aid enemy

Chief of staff video explains need for care

By Gary Sheftick
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – This is not your father's war, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker tells troops in a videotaped message emphasizing proper Operations Security procedures and responsible use of the Internet.

The video is part of the Army's comprehensive OPSEC Action Plan that has Mobile Training Teams visiting deploying units to teach how improper information and photographs posted on the Worldwide Web could endanger lives.

For instance, photos of combat operations and destroyed military equipment could provide the enemy with clues about U.S. vulnerabilities, said Maj. Michael Pate, the Army's OPSEC officer at the Pentagon.

"This isn't censorship," Pate said about the OPSEC plan he had a key role in devising. "It's about striking a balance between freedom of expression and protecting sensitive military information."

In World War II and Korea, it took a long time for information to move from the battlefield to the public, Schoomaker says at the beginning of his video. Today with the Worldwide Web, it's immediate with the push of a button.

"We have an information tech-

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Gen. Peter Schoomaker

Base realignments, closures become law

Department of Defense must begin making changes in 2007, finish in 2011

Army News Service

WASHINGTON – The Base Realignment and Closure Commission's recommendations for reshaping the Defense Department's infrastructure officially took effect at 12:01 a.m. Nov. 9

after Congress allowed them to pass into law.

The nine-member BRAC panel delivered its final report to President Bush Sept. 8, and he, in turn, sent it to Congress for legislative review Sept. 15. Congress had 45 legislative days, until Nov. 9, to

accept or reject the report in its entirety. Congress was not authorized to make any changes.

By statute, the Defense Department now has until Sept. 15, 2007 – two years from the date President Bush sent Congress the BRAC commission's final report

– to begin closing and realigning the installations as called for in the report. The process must be completed by Sept. 15, 2011, DoD officials explained.

The 2005 BRAC recommendations represent the most aggressive BRAC ever proposed, affect-

ing more than 800 installations, officials said.

The Army will close 12 major installations over the next six years under the plan, and close or realign hundreds of small installa-

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Post news in brief

Flu shots offered post employees

Occupational Health will give flu vaccinations to Department of Defense civilian employees at Fort Riley from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 21 and 22. If a civilian employee also is a DoD military beneficiary, that person can receive the vaccinations between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Nov. 21, 22, 28 and 30 and Dec. 2.

If a DoD civilian employee is not able to make these dates or times, they should call Occupational Health and confirm another time to receive the vaccination.

For more information, call 239-7042.

Hospital offers ophthalmology

With a new ophthalmologist on staff, Irwin Army Community Hospital has available appointments. Soldiers, their family members and retirees may schedule an appointment by calling 239-7875.

BOSS plans shopping trip

The Fort Riley Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers organization will host a shopping trip to the Wichita, Kan., mall, Nov. 19. Transportation leaves Fort Riley at 7 a.m. that day.

The next meeting for BOSS representatives will be 3 p.m. Nov. 23 at the Internet Café. For more information, call 239-8147.

Tiroch named top employee

Tony Tiroch was named Directorate of Contracting Employee of the Quarter for fourth quarter, fiscal year 2005.

The citation accompanying his award stated Tiroch always has a positive attitude and is courteous and professional when dealing with customers. He works with the Commercial

Item Acquisition Branch when he has time and assists them when needed.

During the last six weeks of the fiscal year, Tiroch awarded more than 17 purchase requests to support them while maintaining his administration workload of 20 contracts.

He contacted two individuals outside the organization to try to get the local DOC database working again and created a database to track active contracts for his division.

Tiroch was commended for his contributions to the organization on a day-to-day basis.

Commander plans address

Col. Thomas "Ty" Smith plans to address Fort Riley civilian employees in two sessions Jan. 9. The first session begins at 10 a.m. and the second begins at 1:30 p.m. Both sessions will be in Barlow Theater, Building 7866, on Custer Hill. Employees need attend only one session.

Holiday alters trash pickup

The refuse schedule will change Nov. 21-25 in observance of Thanksgiving Day. The schedule is:

- Nov. 21 – Colyer Manor and Main Post and dumpster at Building 621. No change from regular schedule.
- Nov. 22 – Ellis Heights, O'Donnell Heights, Monteth Heights, Peterson Heights north of Thomas Avenue and dumpster at Building 5309. No change from regular schedule.
- Nov. 23 – Warner Heights, Burnside Heights, Marshall Field and dumpsters at Buildings 28, 45, 470, 540, 542 and 621.
- Nov. 24 – No pick up.
- Nov. 25 – Meade Heights, McClellan Heights, South Warner Heights, Peterson Heights south of Thomas Avenue and dumpster at Building 5309. No change from regular schedule.

For more information, call Paul Cassella at 239-6274.

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darkness, and doing that, they did very well."

The Iraqi Army's participation was just part of a bigger operation by the 2nd Bn., 70th Armor, searching the surrounding area.

Iraqi Soldiers conducted most of the mission on their own with little American intervention.

"We let them do their own thing," said Sgt. Troy Krahmer, a member of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor.

"We were just there to kind of look over them, but we were always there to point them in the (right) direction," he explained.

"They had their own objectives, so they conducted a company operation," Lutsky said.

The Iraqi Army was successful in finding who they were looking for, as well as finding someone they weren't expecting to run into during this operation.

"The IA caught one of the targets, and also a target of opportunity that we have been looking for," Lutsky said.

They went from house to



Maj. Steve Lutsky, operations officer for 2nd Bn., 70th Armor, uses a radio to check the progress of a cordon and search mission in Saba Al Bor, Iraq, Nov. 9.
U.S. Army Photo/Wester

house, knocking on doors and searching for contraband.

"They found a couple of weapons that the Iraqis aren't allowed to have," Krahmer said. "Everything was good. There was nothing bad that happened, so it was all a good mission."

Lutsky thinks the operation also showed local residents that the Iraqi Army is here to help them build a safer life.

"The goal of the operation was

to cordon and search areas to provide a safer environment for Iraqi people in Saba Al Bor and also show that the Iraqi Army is here and capable of protecting them," Lutsky said.

"It's their country. It's good that they're out," Krahmer said. "The Iraqis want their own people. They see their own people; they're going to respect them because it's Iraq."

Out on the streets, the IA Sol-

diers joked around with kids and gave out Iraqi flags.

"It's good to go out and have the people see that the IA is out there doing the work," Krahmer said. "Everybody seemed to interact with them and liked what was going on."

Lutsky said he believes continuing to conduct company-level operations will help guide the Iraqi Army to bigger operations in the future.

"The more often they get out and do this, and the more often they can exercise as a company, the better off they'll be," Lutsky said. "And eventually they will be conducting battalion-level operations without our assistance."

Lutsky thinks the Iraqi Army is getting close to taking over their areas and leading the way as they should.

"I think we are well on our way to turning this area of Iraq back over to the Iraqi Army with their set of governance and security," he said. "At this rate, we will have the Iraqis leading Iraqis very soon."

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tions, including Army Reserve and National Guard facilities.

Major Army installations slated for closure are:

- Fort Monroe, Va.;
- Fort McPherson, Ga.;
- Fort Gillem, Ga.;
- Fort Monmouth, N.J.;
- Newport Chemical Depot, Ind.;
- Kansas Army Ammunition Plant, Kan.;
- Selfridge Army Activity, Mich.;
- Mississippi Army Ammunition Plant;
- Umatilla Chemical Depot, Ore.;
- Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant, Texas;
- Deseret Chemical Depot, Utah.;
- Riverbank Army Ammunition Plant, Calif.;

The final BRAC report included six major realignments for the Army.

Walter Reed Army Medical Center will relocate its specialty care to Bethesda. Its primary and secondary care will move to Fort

Belvoir, Va.

Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., will gain First U.S. Army headquarters but relocate offices from the Tank and Automotive Command, NETCOM, Installation Management Agency and Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

Fort Knox, Ky., will relocate its Armor School and Center to Fort Benning, Ga., but activate a new infantry brigade and gain units from overseas.

Human Resources Command - St. Louis, Mo., will relocate some HR activities.

Fort Eustis, Va., will gain the Training and Doctrine Command headquarters and IMA-Northeast. Red River Army Depot, Texas, will relocate some functions to McAllister Army Ammunition Plant, Okla., and other depots.

In addition to closing and realigning installations, BRAC will close many Army Reserve centers and National Guard armories, replacing them with new multi-component armed forces reserve centers.

The Army Reserve Command will also disestablish its 10 Regional Readiness Commands and stand up four Regional Readiness Sustainment Commands, six sustainment brigades and two maneuver enhancement brigades. The Regional Readiness Sustainment Commands will be located at:

- Fort Dix, N.J.;
- Fort Jackson, S.C.;
- Fort McCoy, Wis.;
- Moffett Field, Calif.;

The Guard and Reserve are increasingly important to (a) one-Army concept," Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker told the Base Realignment and Closure commission during testimony in May. "What we're doing is taking overstructure out of the Guard and Reserve and making them into whole units."

The national military defense strategy adds 34 brigades to the National Guard and Reserve and 10 to the active component, Schoomaker told the commission.

"The recommendations of BRAC 2005 will holistically

transform the current infrastructure into a streamlined portfolio of installations with an 11-percent increase in military value which, thereby, enables the operational Army to better meet the challenges of the 21st-century security environment," Secretary of the Army Francis Harvey told the commission.

DoD's Office of Economic Adjustment will take the lead for the federal government in helping communities affected by base closures and realignments, officials said, working cooperatively with the President's Economic Adjustment Committee.

A community conference, to be held in Baltimore Nov. 28 through Dec. 1, will focus on many of the issues involved in BRAC 2005 and the programs available to address them.

An article by Donna Miles of the American Forces Press Service contributed significantly to this report. Other information came from an ARNEWS article filed May 18 by Eric Cramer.

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Field artillery Soldiers set up three stations for their training. The first station was basically a set-up station, Gadson said. Two four-foot tall "aiming posts" are placed in the ground. The poles function as a guide for the "Humvee" driver to orient on when lining up the howitzer. The second station included the howitzer. Soldiers took turns sitting and looking through the sight, which is used to aim the howitzer. They then practiced a mock loading of the gun and cranking it into the proper firing position.

The third, an aiming circle station, functioned almost like a device surveyors use, Gadson said. This station helps Soldiers further ensure the howitzer is properly aimed. Having the opportunity to know more about field artillery and the howitzer's role helps Soldiers better understand what their comrades do, said 1st Lt. Carolas Ford of the 610th Brigade Support Battalion.

"We get a better idea and respect for what they do and a general understanding of the weapon system," she said.



Post/Blackmon
1st Sgts. Corbett Whitmore (center) and Richard Strong of the 1st Squadron, 4th Cav., 4th Bde., learn about the 105mm howitzer.



Post/Blackmon
Staff Sgt. Roger Richards of the 2nd Bn., 32nd FA, instructs Capt. Thomas Adkins, commander of Trp. A, 1st Sqdn., 4th Cav., on the proper lay and occupation procedures for the M-119 A2 howitzer, while 1st Sgts. Corbett Whitmore (left back) and Richard Strong look on.



At left: Sgt. 1st Class David Dawkins, 2nd Bn., 32nd FA, checks the scope at the aiming circle station before the next set of Soldiers arrive to learn about the station.

At right: Soldiers of the 4th Bde. gather around the 105mm howitzer to learn more about how the weapon functions as part of the light field artillery portion of Omega training.



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Post news in brief

Laucks named top employee

Gabrielle Laucks was named Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation Employee of the Quarter for fourth quarter, fiscal year 2005.

She is a graphics designer and works in marketing.

The citation accompanying the award applauded Laucks for greatly improving the quality of graphics and productivity for all MWR facilities during the years she has worked for the directorate.

The nomination for her selection stated Laucks' ability to create design and graphics that meet the needs of the target audience is one of her strongest suits, and she created the best year of MWR Guides ever.

Paras employee of year for 2005

Marilyn Paras, an art specialist at the Arts and Crafts Center, was named employee of the year for the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation in fiscal year 2005.

She has worked for the Arts and Crafts Center for more than 25 years and was cited for consistently going above and beyond the call to provide excellent service to external and internal customers.

Paras was complimented on assuming lead responsibilities with no increase in pay and taking "ownership of the program." Her job might require her to teach a class, perform a resale inventory and complete a custom service project all in one day.

Dining facilities post hours

Thanksgiving Day meal hours and cost will be:

Main Post Dining Facility in Building 251 - Breakfast from 6 to 7 a.m., lunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and dinner from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

1st BCT Consolidated Dining Facility in Building 7011 - Breakfast from 6 to 7 a.m., lunch from noon to 3 p.m. and dinner from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The standard meal rate is \$5.80, which applies to all active duty Soldiers, retirees, spouses and guests.

The discount rate is \$4.90, which applies only to the spouses, dependents and guess of Soldiers in pay grade E-4 and below.

For more information, call Madelene Austin At 239-9263.

Grads sought for ceremony

Fort Riley military personnel, family members and civilian personnel who have graduated from local college or SOCAD college programs are invited to participate in the post-wide graduation ceremony at 1 p.m. Dec. 7.

For information on participation, call Adelina Morales at 239-6481.

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Sgt. Andre Gonzales, MP platoon, searches Spc. Brad Shaw, also from the MP platoon, during 4th Bde. detainee operations training Nov. 10.
Post/Perry



Spc. Brad Shaw, MP platoon, approaches an entry control check point during 4th Bde.'s Omega training exercises Nov. 10.
Post/Perry

MPs conduct Omega training

By Anna Perry
19th PAD

Each day that passes brings the 4th Brigade Combat Team one step closer to being an established unit. The Brigade Special Troop Battalion sponsored the last day of the brigade's Omega training at Camp Forsyth Nov. 10.

The BSTB's training included the brigade's commissioned and noncommissioned officers and involved skills training conducted by the military police platoon and sapper company.

The MPs demonstrated procedures used when manning entry control points, including searching vehicles and personnel. The leaders also received instruction

on processing detained enemy prisoners of war.

"This is important training because it's a force protection issue for forward operating bases that we will potentially be at while in theatre," said Lt. Col. Patrick Frank, 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry, commander. "It's additional information for leaders to take back to their Soldiers to make sure they are trained on detainee operations."

At a nearby site, the BSTB sapper company cadre instructed the leaders on breaching a wall using C4 explosive. The "Wall Breach" is a technique used for gaining violent entry to buildings or for crossing through urban terrain while bypassing streets and alley-

ways.

Leaders were encouraged to offer any suggestions or mention points of interest throughout the training.

"We're here to fine tune the MP and engineer battle drills with everyone's help," said BSTB Command Sgt. Maj. James Foreman.

The training brought the 10-day tactical standard operating procedures validation period to an end. Although the BSTB conducted that day's training, each of the brigade's six battalions has been responsible for a different set of battle drills being tested to insure they are correct, Foreman said.

The training allowed the Soldiers to validate the drills by see-

ing what works and what needs to be tweaked before the drills become tactical standard operating procedures, he said.

The Omega training also gave the battalion staffs an opportunity for some cross training.

"As an engineer, I've normally received engineer specific tasks during training," Foreman said. "However, the Omega training let me see how the infantry, cavalry and field artillery brigades do business, and they've seen how the engineers do business. It's been very beneficial."

Although the initial validation process may be over, the brigade must take more steps before the drills become standard procedures.

"We are moving into the second phase now where the TACS OP will be drafted," said Sgt. Maj. Ray Lewis, operations sergeant major for 1st Bn., 28th Inf.

The battalions will evaluate the drafted TACS OP to make sure all the changes made during the Omega training actually make it into the hard copy," Lewis said.

After everyone reviews the drafts, the TACS OP will go to print.

"Progress has definitely been made, but we still have a lot of work to do," Lewis said. "This training was an excellent start," he said. "The TACS OP will include many leaders' own techniques and opinions from tried and true experiences."

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nology explosion that is global," Schoonmaker said. "Our adversaries have the ability to take our utterances, our writings and our pictures and do all kinds of things to harm us."

Web logs, or blogs, are a venue where instances of unauthorized photos and some sensitive information have been inadvertently disseminated, Pate said.

So the Multi-National Corps-Iraq headquarters came up with a policy for the increasing number of Soldiers posting blogs in theater.

Some of the Soldiers found that posting a periodic blog to the Web was easier than sending multiple e-mails to friends and family. Others have found a modicum of fame for their descriptive coverage of life in the combat zone.

The MNC-I policy requires Soldiers to register their blogs through their unit chain of command. A list of blogs is maintained at the division level, complete with Web addresses and points of contact.

The policy also identifies established elements such as

Army Web Risk Assessment Cells and Information-Assurance teams that assess Web sites and monitor information for compliance with Army policy.

Such information includes classified info, casualty information before next-of-kin notification, info prohibited by the Privacy Act and details of incidents under investigation.

Commanders are able to develop their own OPSEC policy addressing blogs, Pate said, under the umbrella of Army policy and guidance.

The Army's new OPSEC initiatives are comprehensive and range from individual to institutional training, Pate said.

The Mobile Training Teams provide unit-level training, Pate said, to priority-one units scheduled to deploy.

The MTTs come from the Army OPSEC Support Element established earlier this year out of the 1st Information Operations Command (Land), located at Fort Belvoir, Va.

MTTs recently visited the 101st Airborne Division (Air

Assault) to provide OPSEC instruction to one of its brigade combat teams at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Smaller units can access OPSEC training modules through Army Knowledge Online, Pate said. He said users can click on center right of the AKO front page on "Army OPSEC News," sign in again using their AKO password and enter the OPSEC Portal.

The OPSEC Portal includes a number of Power-Point briefings that Pate said assist in satisfying OPSEC training requirements.

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Commentary

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Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

Do you think Americans are ruder today than they were 20 or 30 years ago?



"Not really. I think 9-11 brought us closer together and opened our eyes to helping each other. People are helping with hurricane relief and helping other families with children."

Diana Andes
Military spouse
Home: Wheaton, Ill.



"Not really. I haven't seen any change. They were rude when I was young and still are."

Brian Greer
Contracted window glazer
Home: Manhattan, Kan.



"To a certain extent, yes. People don't slow down to help others out. They're all wrapped up in their own daily lives."

Spc. Robert Pendley
Track mechanic
Service Battery, 1st Bn., 5th FA
Home: Effingham, Ill.



"I think they're ruder today. It's because of busy lifestyles. They don't have time to think about their actions. They're stressed."

Paula Urban
Civilian employee
Conservation Division
Home: Clay Center, Kan.



"I would say they are ruder. I think, in general, there's a coarseness to society as a whole, in part influenced by the entertainment media. There's a general lack of respect."

Donald Uzarski
Contracted inspector
Uzarski Engineering
Home: Champagne, Ill.

Next week's question:

If you could talk with a famous person in history, who would it be and what would you ask?

Opinions may be e-mailed to the editor at mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil or faxed to the editor at 239-2592. Opinions must reach the editor by close of business Tuesdays to appear in the following Friday's paper.

By Steven Flickinger
Safety technician

With winter around the corner and giving the unpredictable Kansas weather, it is best to remind ourselves of the ways to avoid cold weather injuries. Above all, listen to and read weather forecasts, dress correctly to combat the cold and keep in mind that knowledge of potential hazards and prevention during cold weather is the most important key in planning for cold weather.

Be prepared; make sure that you have accurate weather information for the area that you are in. Pay close attention to rain, snow and wind because wet conditions combined with wind chill can greatly increase the chance of cold injury.

You can find cold weather injury information, including wind-chill charts, at <http://chpmm-www.apgea.army.mil/coldinjury/>. Proper clothing is essential for protection and prevention of heat loss in cold weather. All cold weather clothing should be lightweight, waterproof or water-resistant and worn in layers.



Steven Flickinger

Wearing several layers of clothing will maintain the microclimate of trapped, warm air around the body.

Choose underwear that is made of synthetics to prevent moisture.

build-up and to draw sweat away from the skin so that it evaporates and keeps the body drier.

Socks should be changed frequently and boots should be kept dry.

Protect your hands by wearing the proper cold weather gloves or mittens.

The greatest dangers in cold weather include frostbite and hypothermia. However, do not overlook chilblain.

Frostbite involves the actual freezing of the skin and is a medical emergency. Body parts that are most frequently affected are fingers, toes, ears and other facial parts. Early warning signs or symptoms of frostbite are tingling or numbness and blistering.

The area may be tender or swollen, and the frozen area may feel wooden to the touch.

Do not rub or massage the affected area or expose to open fire or any other source of intense heat.

If frostbite is suspected, get the victim to a medical facility where rapid warming and proper care can be given. If treatment of the frozen area is going to be delayed, frostbite should be left untreated until the affected area can be completely thawed out and remain so with no danger of refreezing.

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Hypothermia is dangerous cooling of the body's core temperature caused by prolonged exposure to cold and loss of body heat. Long-term exposure to extreme cold or even moderate cold and wet conditions can result in hypothermia. Hypothermia can result from improper clothing and equipment, wetness, dehydration and fatigue.

Symptoms of hypothermia can include involuntary shivering or confusion, decreased pulse rate, unconsciousness or even death.

For hypothermia, seek medical attention as soon as possible.

Take shelter if possible, put on extra clothes and replace wet clothes with dry ones, if possible.

Do light exercise, such as wriggling hands and feet. If caught outdoors, huddle close to others. Once inside, warm up to room temperature, drink non-alcoholic drinks and eat high-calorie snacks.

Chilblain is a cold injury that, while painful, causes little or no permanent impairment. This injury is caused by repeated exposure of bare skin to a cold environment. Some of the symptoms are skin that is red, swollen, tender or hot to the touch and that may itch.

First aid treatment for chilblains is to stop exposure to cold, remove any wet or constrictive clothing, do not massage or rub the affected areas and cover the affected areas with layers of loose, warm clothes and allow rewarming.

We are better suited to lose heat than to retain heat. Cold injuries are directly related to inadequate protection from the cold environment. Taking preventive actions is our best defense against cold weather injuries. Prevention is the key for a cold weather injury free season.

For your health

'Smokeout' prods all to improve life

By Frances West
Community health nurse

On Nov. 17, the American Cancer Society held "The Great American Smokeout." This day is set aside each year for smokers to quit cigarettes for at least one day. The hope is that the challenge of not smoking for one day will lead to smokers deciding to completely give up the habit.

Other tobacco use, such as chewing tobacco, also is discouraged. Smoking harms nearly every organ of the body, causing many diseases and reducing the health of smokers in general.

Quitting smoking has immediate health benefits by reducing the risk of lung cancer, heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease, larynx (voice box) cancer, throat cancer, cervical cancer, dental lesions and other conditions. Family and friends also benefit by not inhaling second-hand smoke.

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- Smokers have 10 times the risk of lung cancer.
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Lt. Col. Frances West

- Smokers have more facial wrinkles.
- Smokers have more gum disease.

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- Enjoy retirement and grandchildren.

Tobacco cessation classes are offered monthly at the Community Health Nursing Service, Preventive Medicine, Irwin Army Community Hospital. Smokers attend four one-hour sessions. The classes are open to all active duty servicemembers, reservists, National Guardsmen, family members, retirees and Department of Defense civilian employees. Smokers may be referred by their provider or refer themselves.

For appointments, call 239-7323.

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Grunt By Wayne Uhden



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Post news in brief

Army offers \$500 reward

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is offering a \$1,000 reward to anyone providing information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the theft of a 2005 Mercury Mariner outboard motor, serial number 0R059727.

The motor was stolen between 4:15 p.m. and 6 p.m. Oct. 13, 2005, from the parking lot adjacent to Building 7424 on Fort Riley.

Anyone with information concerning this incident is urged to call Special Agent Charles Baker at the Fort Riley CID office, 239-3304, or the military police at 239-6767.

Army offers \$1,000 reward

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is offering a \$1,000 reward to anyone providing information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the theft of a black, 2005 Honda TRX 450-R all-terrain vehicle, Vehicle Identification Number HFTE30045A110847.

The ATV was stolen between 7:45 a.m. Sept. 16 and 7 p.m. Sept. 17 from the parking lot adjacent to Building 7002B and Infantry Drive on Fort Riley.

Anyone with information concerning this incident is urged to call Special Agent Jeffrey Lasley at the Fort Riley CID office, 239-8641, or the military police at 239-6767.

Leaf pick-up under way

Weather permitting and with emphasis in housing areas, Directorate of Public Works employees are picking up

leaves according to the following schedule:

Main Post on Mondays and Tuesdays

Marshall Army Airfield on Wednesdays

Camp Forsyth on Thursdays
Custer Hill and other areas on Fridays

Leaves to be removed by the leaf vacuum should be raked or piled in rows on the lawn area adjacent to the curb, but not on the curb or street.

Leaf piles must not contain grass clippings, limbs or other heavy debris that would interfere with the vacuum operation.

The leaf vacuum will operate through November or as long as necessary to complete fall leaf removal.

Housing occupants desiring to confine leaves in trash bags may place these bags adjacent to the trash carts for pick-up by the trash collection contractor on regular pick-up days.

Bagged leaves should not weigh more than 40 pounds each.

For more information, call Burton Shepherd at 239-3908.

TV show to film special on post

Best of America by Horseback, a television show seen on RFC and Direct TV will be filming on post Nov. 26 through Dec. 1.

The show will highlight the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard in an upcoming feature.

The show's staff also plans to shoot a holiday special honoring Fort Riley Soldiers and families. The special will be filmed at the Soldier and Family Support Center Nov. 29 at 4 p.m.

Several country western and bluegrass performers are scheduled to entertain during the special.

Soldiers are encouraged to attend with their families for this 1 1/2-hour event.

Senior advisor visits Colorado

Gainey looks at homeland defense on first trip from capital

By Devin Fisher
Special to AFPS

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — The senior enlisted advisor to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff spent his first trip outside of the national capital region getting an up-close look at the military commands responsible for the Defense Department's homeland-defense efforts.

Army Command Sgt. Maj. William J. Gainey, who became the first senior enlisted advisor to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Marine Gen. Peter Pace, Sept. 30, visited the North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command Nov. 7-8 to better understand how the two commands carry out their mission of defending the homeland.

Gainey made this his first stop "because I had to fully understand what NORAD and U.S. NORTHCOM did in relationship with defending the homeland."

He added: "U.S. NORTHCOM has been providing front-line support to the Gulf Coast region" following hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma. "With our own people requiring much needed help, it was only fitting that I visit the command and lend my support to our troops," he said.

NORTHCOM was created in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in the United States. The command's mission is to serve as the Defense Department's lead for homeland defense and military support to civil authorities. NORAD is charged with providing comprehensive, integrated aerospace defense of North America.

During his visit to Colorado Springs, Gainey received briefings of the commands' missions and tours of the NORAD Air Warning Center inside Cheyenne Mountain and the NORTHCOM Joint Operations Center. He concluded his



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— Command Sgt. Maj. Gainey
Senior enlisted advisor to JCS chairman

tour at a dinner with senior enlisted leaders from nearby Fort Carson.

Gainey said he's "honored and humbled" to serve as the advisor to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on matters of professional development of enlisted personnel working in a joint environment.

"It's a position that I take very seriously, because there's a lot of quality senior enlisted leaders out there that were considered for the position," he said. "I have an obligation to ... do what I can to make servicemembers' lives better."

Gainey, who served as the command sergeant major for Multinational Force-Iraq, has a leadership philosophy based on four principles: responsibility, authority, accountability and assistance.

"Once we give servicemembers responsibility, the next thing they ask of us is to give them the authority to be responsible," Gainey said. He noted giving someone responsibility without the authority to make decisions "is not giving them anything."

In addition, he said, troops want to be held accountable for

their actions, both good and bad, and they want leaders to assist them when they stumble.

"Everyone's going to stumble in their career," Gainey said. "What I would ask leaders to do when their troops stumble is to pick them up, shake them off, get them back in the right direction and tell them they've done a good job."

The trip to Colorado Springs was Gainey's first step in fulfilling his initial goal of visiting the senior enlisted advisors of all nine combatant commands so he could better understand how he can be their voice to the chairman.

"I have to get out and really understand what I can do to make their jobs easier," Gainey said, "because by making their jobs easier, I'm taking care of our servicemembers."

Editor's note: Air Force Tech. Sgt. Devin Fisher is assigned to the Public Affairs Office of U.S. NORTHCOM and NORAD.

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U.S., Coalition forces hit terrorists, find weapons

U.S. and Coalition forces took down a suspected al Qaeda safe house Nov. 12 and put an enemy mortar team out of commission during two separate raids in Iraq.

U.S. 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Soldiers captured the terrorist mortar team near Bagubah. The terrorists had set up their equipment when the U.S. Soldiers encountered the enemy position.

The terrorists then directed rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire at the Americans, but the enemy detachment was quickly overwhelmed. Six terrorists were captured along with their mortar tube, six mortar rounds, the RPG launcher and four RPG rounds, officials said.

A seventh terrorist was killed in the exchange. No U.S. injuries were reported.

U.S. and Coalition forces raided a suspected al Qaeda safe house located in the village of Qazwan, near Ramadi, Iraq. The dwelling was suspected of being a base of a senior al Qaeda in Iraq leader operating in the Ramadi area.

Four terrorists were killed and four others were detained during the raid. Two of the detainees were wounded while resisting capture. The wounded detainees were taken to a nearby Coalition



hospital for medical treatment and are expected to recover. Coalition forces had cordoned off the area before the raid and called in close-air support during the engagement.

Coalition and Iraqi forces seized or destroyed several weapons caches around Iraq Nov. 5 through Nov. 9.

Coalition air forces conducted an air strike against an al Qaeda weapons cache in the village of Bu Hardan, near Qaim, early Nov. 9.

Multiple intelligence sources and tips from local citizens indicated a terrorist cell was firing on Coalition forces in the area. Coalition forces tracked the cell to

a storage building in the village into which mortars and other small weapons were seen being moved.

This weapons cache was directly linked to mortar attacks on Coalition and Iraqi security forces in the Ubaydi, Husaybah, and Qaim region.

After ensuring no civilians were in the area, coalition forces using precision-guided munitions conducted an air strike on the storage building, destroying it and all contents of the weapons cache.

Also Nov. 9, Multinational Division Central-South units, along with Iraqi security forces, seized a weapons cache in Diwaniyah province. The cache



Iraqi Police discovered this improvised explosive device Nov. 7 in eastern Baghdad and disarmed it before it could be detonated in a terrorist attack.
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contained 27 120mm mortar grenades, two rocket-propelled-grenade launchers, 63 hand grenades, 15 tank rounds and 5 kilograms of high-explosive material.

On Nov. 8, U.S. Soldiers assigned to Task Force Band of Brothers found and disposed of five separate caches of weapons. Four of the caches were located near Logistics Support Area Anaconda and a fifth near Kirkuk.

Among the items discovered were 14 rockets, 10 mortar rounds, seven large artillery shells, seven rocket-propelled grenades, six 125mm tank rounds, three rocket-propelled-grenade launchers, various components to

make improvised explosive devices and more than 1,000 rounds of small arms ammunition. An explosives team destroyed the unexploded ordnance in place.

The Soldiers also found terrorist propaganda with the caches.

Northwest of Baghdad, Task Force Baghdad Soldiers found a large weapons cache during a patrol Nov. 5. Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, found the stockpile of various munitions buried near a house they searched during the patrol.

The Soldiers uncovered more than 300 152mm and 155mm artillery shells, more than 100 120mm rounds, dozens of rifles,

hundreds of rounds of small arms and large-caliber ammunition and various fuses and weapons sights.

Compiled from Multinational Force-Iraq and Task Force Baghdad news releases.



Army changes program name

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army has announced it is changing the name of the Disabled Soldier Support System, a program that assists severely wounded Soldiers, to the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program.

"The name change of this program is indicative of the warrior spirit that today's Soldiers so proudly display," said Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, Army chief of staff.

Medical technology has advanced to the point where Soldiers injured today on the battlefield are much more likely to survive than those injured in previous wars," Schoomaker said.

"Soldiers enrolled in the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program are also more often able to continue service to their nation in the Army," the chief of staff continued.

While the name has changed, the tenets of the program have not, said Army spokesperson Lt. Col. Pamela Hart.

She added that the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program is designed to provide severely wounded Soldiers and their families with a system of advocacy and follow-up with personal support to assist them as they return to duty or move into civilian life.

"It is the personal attention to detail provided to each warrior by the program's staff that will ensure we do this right, that we take care of those wounded who so valiantly agreed to serve their nation in time of war," Hart said.

"The U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program is all about taking care of severely wounded Soldiers and their families — about never leaving a fallen comrade — and truly supporting the Warrior Ethos these Soldiers have embodied in their service to our nation," said Col. Mary Carstensen, director of the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program.

Additional information on the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program can be obtained by calling (800) 833-6622.

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Chaplains pray for assistance

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

Fort Riley and the Army are in need of a few good unit ministry teams.

On the lowest level, teams are made up of chaplains and their assistants, and the Army is short-handed at that level.

Ministry teams provide for the free exercise of religion for Soldiers and family members and make sure their religious needs are met, said Chap. (Col.) Kenneth Sampson, Fort Riley's installation chaplain.

Last year's post Army Family Action Planning Conference surfaced concerns about ministry services. Since then, Fort Riley and the Army have been finding ways to address those concerns.

"It's significant what happens in AFAP. Now we have more chaplains than we had a year ago," Sampson said.

One solution has been looking to the Army Reserve and National Guard for assistance. Guard and Reserve chaplains who have been activated have been asked to provide services at Fort Riley.

Chap. (Lt. Col.) Melvin Stanley, who has been at Fort Riley since February, is one such chaplain. His duties include supporting the 3rd Brigade Rear Detachment as its chaplain and doing contract work for the installation chaplain. He also has been asked to recruit Reserve and National Guard chaplains for the installation chaplain's office. So far, four chaplains are serving and one is inbound, Stanley said.

"Any time we (spend) supporting Soldiers and families is a great time of training and learning.



Courtesy photo
Chap. (Col.) Kenneth Sampson, Fort Riley installation chaplain, offers a special message at the Global War on Terrorism Monument ceremony unveiling new names of post Soldiers killed in that war and starting the annual open house and Apple Day activities Oct. 1.

Every day is a new adventure as a chaplain. Even if there is nothing on your calendar for the day, by the time you get to the office you may be overwhelmed with requests for assistance, counseling or called to assist in a disaster or special event. That is why I enjoy my job so much. Every day is a new challenge and opportunity to do great things as a representative of our living and gracious God," Stanley said.

"We are just trying to support the Soldiers as the need arises. All chaplains are here to minister the love of God to the Soldiers and their family members," he said.

The primary focus of the chaplaincy is to first support the warfighting Soldier, Sampson said. To support the deploying Soldiers, one chaplain and an assistant are embedded with each battalion.

"They are organic to that unit. They provide spiritual counsel. They are the eyes and ears to the command. They go anywhere battalion members go as a source of encouragement. They build relationships within units to help Soldiers who have difficulties," Sampson said.

Sending chaplain support overseas leaves a shortage of unit ministry teams back home.

"We have to prioritize. Units that deploy overseas, they go 100 percent filled. So that leaves a shortage back here. We could use more," he said.

There is even a greater need for chaplain assistants, Sampson said.

Assistants are responsible for keeping the chaplain alive in combat zones. They carry the weapons to protect themselves and the chaplains they are assisting.

"It's a team thing," Sampson

said. "They're tuned to what kinds of programs Soldiers are looking for."

Again, the active Army's temporary solution is to seek more Soldiers from Reserve components because they can change their MOS rather easily, Sampson said.

To further assist in supporting Soldiers and their families, Chap. Dan McClure, who retired from military service at Fort Riley this past summer, was rehired to continue serving the post. His main focus is reintegration training, helping Soldiers who are returning from war. He also helps wounded Soldiers, Family Readiness Groups and Soldiers new to Fort Riley.

"I'm one of the people that always attends the welcome home ceremonies. I do briefings on combat stress, post-traumatic stress disorder, etc. I'm also a teacher in suicide intervention, a sexual assault instructor," he said.

Another idea proposed by the AFAP committee was to hire civilian chaplains and assistants to fill in.

However, civilians cannot be considered to fill in the Army's gaps, Sampson said. Not only does it go against policy, but there is another issue: Civilians don't have the experience of being a Soldier.

While civilians can't serve as chaplains or assistants, there are several needs they can help Fort Riley and the Army meet, Sampson said. Volunteers work with youth groups such as Club Beyond.

"There is a whole pool of volunteers throughout the chaplain communities," he said.

Former chairman among recipients of Medal of Freedom

By Jim Garamone
AFPS

WASHINGTON — President Bush presented retired Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers with the Presidential Medal of Freedom during a White House ceremony Nov. 9.

Myers, who stepped down as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Sept. 30, was one of 14 Americans honored with the nation's highest civilian award. He was commissioned through the ROTC program at Kansas State University.

Bush praised Myers for his efforts that helped free 50 million people in Afghanistan and Iraq. The president said that Myers took office less than a month after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, "and he was the right man for the job."

As chairman, Myers served as the principal military adviser to the president and the rest of the National Security Council. "Dick Myers was a source of wisdom, clear analysis and broad vision," the president said. "As chairman, he helped design a thorough and innovative strategy for victory in the war on terror."

Bush also praised Myers for his role in transforming the American military to confront the threats of the present and future.

Bush called Myers a model

officer who retired after more than 40 years in uniform. He said Myers was always "deliberate, unflinching and calm in a storm."

Myers left the service with "four stars on his shoulder and his place in American history secure," Bush added.

The president also awarded the medal to three-time heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali, actress and comedian Carol Burnett, Internet pioneers Vinton Cerf and Robert Kahn, historian Robert Conquest, singer Aretha Franklin, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, actor Andy Griffith, broadcaster Paul Harvey, former U.S. Rep. Sonny Montgomery, golfer Jack Nicklaus, baseball hall-of-famer and Washington Nationals Manager Frank Robinson, and Paul Rusesabagina, who rescued thousands from genocide in Rwanda.

The Presidential Medal of Freedom is in the form of a golden star with white enamel, with a red enamel pentagon behind it; the central disc bears 13 white enamel stars on a blue enamel background — taken from the crest of the U.S. coat-of-arms — within a golden ring. Golden American eagles stand between the arms of the star. It is worn on a blue ribbon with white edge stripes around the neck.

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Some unions object to personnel changes

By Jim Garamone
AFPS

WASHINGTON – A number of federal employees unions have vowed to stop implementation of the new National Security Personnel System, Pentagon officials have said. The regulations governing the system go into effect Dec. 1.

"We collaborated with the representatives of the unions in the design of NSPS," said Michael Dominguez, assistant secretary of the Air Force and head of the NSPS product team.

"We received their inputs during the comment period and modified the regulations around them. It's unfortunate that everyone won't be happy with these regulations, but I think we've tried to strike the best balance that's pos-

sible," he said.

The system requires DoD to continue collaborating with the unions as implementation progresses. "Their feedback to us is essential," he said.

Mary Lacey, program executive officer for the system, said the labor relations portion of the regulations become effective Dec. 1. The human resources portion of the system – the staffing, the classification, the performance management pieces – will phase in over a number of months in the January to March time frame, she said.

Pentagon officials emphasize to civilian employees that the changes in their personnel system are all about improving national security.

After a two-year process, officials have designed the new National Security Personnel Sys-

tem to be faster, more flexible and more agile, Dominguez said.

"This whole personnel system has been designed to focus on national security and support to national security. It's important, because the nature of the threat is changing," he said.

The new system is performance-based and civilian employees can "take ownership of their performance and their success" in the national security mission, Lacey said.

Characteristics of the new system are new position descriptions, broader pay bands, faster hiring and better federal sector competitiveness with private firms, she said.

The first 60,000 people will transition into the system early next year. "They will be given new performance standards," Lacey said. "It's very important

that we not make any performance-based pay adjustments until they have had the opportunity to perform under those standards and performance factors.

"It won't be until January 2007 that their pay will be adjusted based on performance," she emphasized.

When people transfer into the system, they will have "run time" in the current grade step, Lacey said.

As part of that transition, DoD will "buy out" the remaining time for a within-grade increase. "So you'll find that the vast majority of our employees upon initial transition to NSPS will get a pay raise," she said.

Dominguez said he has a lot of confidence that the department can handle an effort that will transfer 650,000 civilian employees in 41 civilian personnel sys-

tems into a performance-based pay system.

He said the department has had a number of performance-based demonstration projects – the most famous being China Lake, Calif., begun in 1979.

Roughly 45,000 DoD employees already are covered under some sort of performance-based pay system. "In the Department of

Defense we have extensive experience in managing these transitions to performance-based pay and in running performance-based pay systems," he said.

"We have very, very high confidence that we have got this pretty nearly right and that high-quality leaders and employees out there will make this work," he said.

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Hospital honors nurse practitioners

Week-long observance reminds others of nurses' role

By Jan Clark
IACH PAO

Irwin Army Community Hospital staff honored the hospital's nurse practitioners during National Nurse Practitioner Week Nov. 7-13.

Nurse practitioners play a vital role in health care across the nation and at IACH, officials there said. An NP is a registered nurse with advanced academic and clinical experience that enables him or her to diagnose and manage most common and

many chronic illnesses.

IACH has 11 NPs who collaborate with hospital physicians to provide patients with quality care.

NPs fill many roles at IACH. Jolea Matzke and Jody Toerber-Clark are two NPs who rotate to wherever there is a need. Their main place of duty is the Soldier Readiness Processing site, where they act as gatekeepers for deploying and demobilizing Reserve and National Guard Soldiers.

They do a thorough screening on all mobilized Soldiers, assur-

ing they are medically ready to deploy. They also screen returning Soldiers to make sure they are fit to return to duty or go home.

When not at the SRP site, Matzke and Toerber-Clark are most often found at Primary Care Clinic No. 3, attending to active duty, family member and retiree patients. They also help in the Consolidated Troop Medical Clinic on Custer Hill when necessary.

Lt. Col. Karen Culbertson, the hospital's chief of nursing operations, began her military career as an emergency room nurse and later worked in a trauma intensive care unit where she became interested in ambulatory nursing.

In her 10 years as a nurse practitioner, Culbertson has worked in Soldier care medicine and the cardiology clinic at Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, Wash.

Ingelin Leslie received her nursing degree in Norway and has worked 19 years in critical care, emergency room medicine and kidney and heart transplant units before receiving her NP degree. She has been at IACH since 1994.

Lt. Col. Michael E. Martine began his military career as a surgical intensive care nurse. He has attended the Preventive Medicine Course and served as a communi-

ty health nurse for 13 years in positions ranging from staff community health nurse to chief, Preventive Medicine Services.

He has two master's degrees in nursing, one in community health nursing and a second as a family nurse practitioner. Martine serving as the hospital's chief for the Directorate of Primary Care and Community Medicine, overseeing the operation of three primary care clinics, well baby care, allergy/immunization clinic, emergency room and consolidated troop medical clinic while chairing several medical staff committees.



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Lt. Col. Michael Martine, chief, Department of Primary Care, gives an exam.

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Community news briefly

PX stores post holiday hours

The following Army and Air Force Exchange System stores and activities will adjust operating hours for the Thanksgiving holiday. Operating hours will be:

Main Post Shopette – closed Nov. 24
Custer Hill Shopette – open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 24
Forsyth Shopette – open 24 hours Nov. 24
Main Post Exchange – open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 24 and 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 25
Class VI Store – open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 24
Military Clothing Sales Store – closed Nov. 24
Sports Page – closed Nov. 24 and 25
Popeye's – closed Nov. 24, open noon to 5 p.m. Nov. 25-27
Pizza Hut – closed Nov. 24, open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 25
Burger King – open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 24
Charley's – open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 24
Anthony's Pizza – open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 24
Cinnabon – open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 24
Robin Hood, Frank's Franks, Baskin Robbins – closed Nov. 24

Helping Hand assists Soldiers

Operation Helping Hand lends assistance to Soldiers and their families during the holiday season, providing food vouchers that can be used at the commissary.

Units can submit nominations for assistance through their Unit Ministry Teams to the Installation Chaplain's Office.

For more information, call the Installation Chaplain's Office at 239-3359.

Student picked for 'Who's Who'

Angela Howard, a Fort Riley student attending Upper Iowa University, has been selected for inclusion in the 2006 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory select students for inclusion based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Youth services activities listed

Nov. 19 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Red Cross baby-sitting course
Nov. 19 – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Home Alone Training
For more information, call 239-9173.

Free child care available

School Age Services will provide free child care for families of deployed Fort Riley Soldiers from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 19.
For more information, call 239-9220.

Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Santa begins 37th operation

Annual toy drive aims to gather gifts for needy families in communities

Staff report

Santa's elves began their busy holiday season Nov. 8 at their Fort Riley headquarters, Building 261. Elves Col. Dana Pittard, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) assistant division commander for maneuver, and U.S. Army Garrison

Command Sgt. Maj. James Noble, along with Diane Hardy, wife of Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general of the 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) and Fort Riley, cut the ribbon to kick off the 37th year of Operation Santa Claus.

"What a neat event," Pittard said. "This is truly about the chil-

dren. It's about making sure as many children in the Fort Riley community ... have a decent and happy holiday."

Lead sponsor for the annual project is the Fort Riley Central Kansas AUSA chapter. A chapter representative presented Operation Santa Claus a \$500 check at

the ceremony.

Operation Santa Claus is a toy collection drive for boys and girls ages birth to 14 in the Fort Riley community and civilian families throughout the area who need assistance this holiday season.

Soldiers, family members, civilian employees and public and

private organizations may donate toys for needy children during the Christmas season. Donations may be made through Jan. 13. One of the elves helping "Santa" this year said some toys had been left over from last year and that some

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Patriots' beat

Native Americans help post celebrate

By April Blackmon

Staff writer

Brady Tapedo performs the men's grass dance, a Native American warrior dance.

Post/Blackmon



Native American food samples were available following the celebration.

"Bosho." Guest speaker Steve Ortiz gave this warrior's greeting to his "fellow warriors" during Fort Riley's Native American Heritage observance Nov. 8 at Riley's Conference Center.

Ortiz, a Marine Corps and Army Reserve veteran, spoke of his American Legion Post 410, which he says is the only all-Native American post in the United States. Chartered in 1990 with just 15 members, the Post has grown to 88.

The post was activated to honor fallen Native American Soldiers, he said.

"We noticed a lot of our veterans were dying and we wanted one last way to respect them and give them honors," Ortiz said. "They fought for their country and they deserve to be buried in a proper way."

Also serving as secretary of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Ortiz spoke of the Potawatomi reservation's Veteran's Memorial Wall. Dedicated in 2003, the wall displays the names of 340 tribal member veterans, nine killed in action and one prisoner of war.

"Native Americans have been a part of every U.S. conflict," he said. "We are proud, as Native Americans, to have served and fought for our country ... We're there to stand for the fight and stay for the fight."

In addition to Ortiz's words, members of the Kiowa Cultural Organization entertained attendees. The colors were posted by veterans from various branches of service who are also members of the Haskell Indian Nations University.

Jeremy Shield played a drum and sang the Sioux National Anthem as the colors made their way to the front of the room. Later, Shield told the audience that the anthem says, "I will stand by the flag no matter what."

Brady Tapedo performed the men's grass dance, a warrior's dance. Cassie Kitcheyan performed the women's jingle dress dance.



Post/Blackmon
Cassie Kitcheyan performs the women's jingle dress dance.

Holiday phone calls go up

Free cards keep families connected

AAFLS

DALLAS – "Keep the line open, I'm expecting a call."

If this holiday season is anything like last, these words will be heard with increasing frequency in the homes of military families around the world.

During the 2004 holiday season, deployed troops steadily increased their phone usage at Army and Air Force Exchange Service phone centers positioned throughout Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

The increase in minutes used from October to November 2004 was a subtle 3 percent, but usage in December spiked 43 percent from 10.7 million minutes to 15.7 million minutes logged.

"We typically see phone usage go way up during the holidays," said AAFLS Chief of Corporate Communication Lt. Col. Debra Pressley. "Deployments have magnified this in recent years, and the general public has responded by sending thousands of Military Exchange Global Prepaid Phone cards. Americans seem to understand the importance of a phone call home during the holiday."

Numbers from AAFLS' "Help Our Troops Call Home" affirm that Americans don't easily forget troops and their families left alone during the holidays. Last December, "Help Our Troops Call Home," a program that allows

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Soldier-support parades through Manhattan

Flags wave, crowds shout approval, groups honor America's veterans

By April Blackmon

Staff writer

A warm sun beamed down on the nearly 90 Veteran's Day parade entries that marched down Manhattan's Poyntz Avenue Nov. 11.

Hundreds of community members lined the streets to watch everything from Soldiers of Task Force 1-41 Infantry and older war veterans march in formation to area elementary and high school students carrying posters and performing patriotic tunes.

Several Fort Riley entities participated in the parade, including the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard, a four-man dismounted color guard, the Fort Riley Soldier and NCO of the Year and students from Custer Hill Elementary School.

More photos

See more photos on page 13.

Each entry paused at the grandstand in front of the Riley County Courthouse. They were then announced by Col. (Ret.) Dick Jepsen, a WWII veteran who served at Fort Riley in the 1960s while in the National Guard.

The parade route ended at the Manhattan Town Center, but not before participants marched through an arch formed with fire truck ladders and displaying an American flag hanging between them.

Seeing the crowds cheer and salute veterans as they walked by made the parade a "very humbling" experience for Sgt. 1st

Class Standford Jones, 450th Transportation Battalion human resource director and acting battalion command sergeant major. Dressed in BDUs, Jones rode his Harley as part of the 89th Reserve Readiness Command.

"Having the crowd cheering, applauding and even saluting us helps ease some of those long days away from our homes and families," Jones said. "As an HR specialist, I've made a career of serving some of the finest Soldiers the Army has to offer. It's moments like the Veteran's Day parade that give me and other Soldiers a chance to say 'thank you' to them."

Following the parade, Soldiers of the 97th Military Police Battalion parked their "Humvee" beside the courthouse for visitors to

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Post/Skidmore
Family members and students from Custer Hill Elementary School wave American flags as they make their way down the Veteran's Day parade route Nov. 11.





Community news briefly

Youth invited to solve mystery

Youth ages 10-14 are invited to a party to help solve a mystery about space aliens abducting a school football quarterback.

Parties can sign up individually or as a team, but everyone will be divided into investigative teams of five to six people to try to solve the mystery. The party begins at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 29 at a location to be announced. Cost to attend the party is \$10. Snacks will be served.

The mystery begins on a rainy Thursday night in Possum Valley, the night before the big homecoming game. Witnesses see Kent Passerby, the high school quarterback, disappear from the town square in a cloud of smoke and flashing lights.

Citizens were frantic. The sheriff jumped into action, swearing that no aliens in flying saucers would get away with kidnapping young athletes in his county.

Everyone was relieved and everything seemed OK when Kent was found wandering down a country road three hours later. He was physically OK, but seemed confused and dazed and couldn't remember any of the signals to be used against the Squirrel Grove Acorns in the upcoming homecoming game Friday night.

Sign up at the Junction City Arts Council gallery, 107 W. Seventh St., for a chance to solve the mystery, or call 762-2581 for more information.

Center to host orientation

The Soldier and Family Support Center will offer a spouse orientation tour of Fort Riley and the community from 8:30 a.m. to noon Nov. 25.

For more information, call 239-9435.

Spouses' club to meet

The Fort Riley Enlisted Spouses' Club will have a general membership meeting from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Nov. 30 at the Armed Services YMCA, 111 E. 16th St., in Junction City.

Members attending have been asked to bring pictures to make a scrapbook project.

Members also are asked to bring a finger food to share with the group.

Childcare is provided. Those needing childcare should call 784-4772 to make a reservation.



Post/Skidmore

Strike Zone

Sue Haner (right) and Samantha Clark assist Carrie Palmberg with getting her bowling ball down the alley Nov. 12. Palmberg was one of more than 800 bowlers competing in the Special Olympics bowling championships at Fort Riley.

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anyone to send Military Exchange Global Prepaid Phone cards to deployed troops through www.aafes.org or (800) 527-2345, brought in 42,384 phone cards for troops deployed in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

No month since has come close. In fact, since last December "Help Our Troops Call Home" has only distributed 45,493 phone cards. "It has been 10 months and the program has barely surpassed the support generated in that 30-day period last December," Pressley said.

"Help Our Troops Call Home"

delivers an instant morale boost with phone cards that offer up to two hours of talk time for calls placed from any of AAFES' 69 call centers in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan or Kuwait.

"Tonight, in places like Baghdad, Bagram, Mosul and Kabul, there are young American troops walking point for their squad, their battalion, for their military and their nation," Pressley said.

"This is a position of great danger and responsibility. It is to them and their families' future that 'Help Our Troops Call Home' is squarely focused," Pressley added.



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Above: Soldiers from the 97th MP Bn. drive their "Humvee" through an archway made by area firetrucks near the end of the parade route.
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At right: Spcs. Nicholas Jacobson and Nathan Haines of Fort Riley's Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard, along with their dog, Liberty, drive an 1871 Army Escort Wagon pulled by Reckless and Rampage along the parade route.
Post/Blackmon



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examine. Members of the CGMCG and their horses stood in front of the courthouse as well. This was the final parade for CGMCG - Commander Capt. Cayla Slusher, who will soon be heading for a new assignment at Fort Rucker, Ala. "Between these guys and these horses, it's been a dream job," Slusher said.

While some Soldiers stood outside, others moved to an indoor ceremony at the Wareham Opera House. Parade Grand Marshal Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, served as the ceremony's keynote speaker. "This flag has been bought and

paid for, you all know that, with the blood, the sweat and the tears of those great patriots and pioneers who have come before us and the many who serve with us today," Hardy said. "It's important that we, in even a medium-sized town like Manhattan, take a day and set it aside and continue to reflect on the contributions of those veterans."



Post/Blackmon

A little boy carries an American flag as he is escorted down the street in front of Ralph Teeford's Model T Ford.



Post/Blackmon

Soldiers of the 1st Bn., 41st Inf., led by Lt. Col. Dave Batchelor, battalion commander, march down Poyntz Avenue as part of the annual Veterans Day parade.



Some 40 family members and students from all grades at Custer Hill Elementary wave American flags as they make their way down the parade route.
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Community news briefly

Thanksgiving service slated

A community Thanksgiving service will be held at 11:45 a.m. Nov. 23 in Kapaun Chapel, 7086 Normandy Drive, on Custer Hill. Chap. (Col.) Kenneth L. Sampson will offer the Thanksgiving message.

Family program to host event

Fort Riley's Exceptional Family Member Program and New Parent Support Program will combine sponsorship for a holiday celebration from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 6 at Riley's Conference Center.

For more information, call Laura McCauley at 239-9435.

Commissary posts hours

The post commissary will be open during the following days and hours for upcoming holiday periods:

Nov. 21 — Open due to Thanksgiving holiday

Nov. 24 — Closed for Thanksgiving

Nov. 25 — Open normal hours

Story times feature wildlife

November's library story times will be on the wild side, with stories about foxes, wolves and coyotes. All children and their caregivers are invited to hear a story and make a craft every Saturday, with sessions at 1:30 and 4 p.m.

The featured story Nov. 19 will be "No Matter What" by Debi Glori. Small Fox wants to know if Large Fox will always love him no matter what, even when Small Fox is grumpy.

The library is located in Building 5306, Hood Drive. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The library is closed on Monday.

For more information, call Victoria Martin at 239-5305.

Chapel sponsors gospel concert

The Morris Hill Gospel Service congregation will sponsor "Shaped for God's Family," a gospel music ministry workshop and concert 7 p.m. Nov. 18 and 11 a.m. Nov. 20 at the chapel.

The workshop and concert features Charles Hyman from Tarboro, N.C., and Mark Ingram from Tulsa, Okla.

The public is invited to the "Joy Night" workshop and concert Nov. 18 and Sunday worship service Nov. 20.

Teen Center slates activities

Nov. 18 — 8 to 10:30 p.m., middle school dance

Nov. 19 — 5 to 8 p.m., family potluck

For more information, call 239-9222.

Crafts center activities listed

Nov. 20 — 1 to 2:30 p.m., scrap booking get-together

Nov. 21 — 7 p.m., crochet, knitting and cross stitch class

Nov. 22 — 6 to 9 p.m., matting and framing

Nov. 23 — Noon to 1 p.m., Make it, Take it

Open hours for using the Arts and Crafts Center's facilities are:

Monday and Tuesday from 1 to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Arts and Crafts Center at 239-9205.



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Santa Claus distributes candy canes to Diane Hardy, wife of Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general of the 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) and Fort Riley and other guests at the ribbon cutting ceremony starting Operation Santa Claus for the 37th year at Fort Riley.

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deliveries would be made after Christmas to make sure no one was missed.

Another elf explained that the program runs through Jan. 13 so that people who hadn't filled out request forms before the holidays could still get a toy for their child.

Volunteers also are sought to help purchase, wrap and distribute toys.

Collection boxes for voluntary donations will be located around the installation and the community. On Fort Riley, boxes will be at all brigade headquarters build-

ings, Building 500, Irwin Army Community Hospital, the Post Exchange, Fort Riley National Bank and the Fort Riley Credit Union. They also will be located off post at Wal-Mart stores in Manhattan and Junction City.

Last year, Operation Santa Claus raised more than \$52,000 in cash and toy donations. The goal this year is to meet or beat contributions from last year.

More information is available through the Santa hotline at 239-6944 or through Noble's office at 239-3744.



Post/Blackmon

Diane Hardy, wife of the 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) and Fort Riley commanding general, cuts the ribbon held by Col. Dana Pittard (right), the division's assistant commander for maneuver, and U.S. Army Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Noble.

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USDA OKs loan lenders

Agency initiative eases home ownership

By Harold Alford
USDA

TOPEKA, Kan. — Several area home loan agencies have joined a federal initiative to increase opportunities for military families wanting to own homes in the Fort Riley region.

State Director Chuck Banks of the U.S. Department of Agriculture rural development program, announced certification of 11 Kansas financial institutions as USDA/Fort Riley Regional Initiative approved lenders for their commitment to improve homeownership opportunities in Kansas.

The announcement was made following completion of special agency training provided for the lenders to help support expanding homeownership opportunities in rural communities impacted by the planned military and civilian personnel expansion at Fort Riley.

On June 27, U.S. Senator Pat Roberts (R-Kan.) announced the availability of an additional \$25 million for the USDA Rural Development Guaranteed Rural

Housing Loan Program funding to be used in the Fort Riley region.

USDA Rural Development also then announced its Fort Riley Regional Initiative and the agency's efforts to help support the post's expansion by establishing an office at Fort Riley.

The USDA office at Fort Riley, scheduled to open this month, will assist Soldiers and civilian employees with their off-post housing by providing home financing pre-qualification assistance, homebuyer counseling and by referring prospective home loan applicants to agency-approved lenders located in the 17-county region of northeast and north central Kansas.

"By expanding partnerships with local Kansas banks, USDA can help improve home ownership opportunities and support potential economic development, too," Banks said.

Lenders

The Mortgage Company, Abilene
Clay County National Bank, Clay Center
Farmers & Drivers Bank, Council Grove
Fort Riley National Bank, Fort Riley
GNB Mortgage Company, Horton
Central National Bank, Junction City
First State Bank, Junction City
Mortgage Investment Services, Olathe
Citizens Bank of Kansas, Kingman
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Sports news in brief

Wrestlers win in Manhattan

The Fort Riley Middle School wrestling team competed in the Little Apple Wrestling Tournament at Manhattan High School Nov. 5. Thirty teams competed and no team score was kept.

The Troopers won 38 individual matches and lost 28. Frankie Zachar, Zach Birchmeier and Kevin Euring won their brackets and earned gold medals.

Silver medals went to Austin Parton, Daris Benton and Robyn Harmon.

Bronze medals went to Gunner Schritenthal, Matthew McManigal, Raheem Zeno, Alex Keeton and Jordan Fuller.

Placing fourth in their brackets were Jacob Youngblood, Dylan Soper, Joshua Eckel and Jonathon Spurlock.

Winning a match but not placing were Anthony Kozielski, Trevor Pond and Jason Elzinga.

Of the 21 wrestlers on the Troopers team, 15 placed.

Shooters earn gift certificates

About 70 people attended the 7th annual Fort Riley Turkey Shoot at the Outdoor Recreation Center Nov. 5.

Event winners were: **Junior Turkey Shoot:** Cody Buse, Kyle Cobb, Ryan Garrison and Mike Treat.

Master Turkey Shoot: Nathan Zimmerman, Daryl Youngman, Derrick Helton, Mark Fry, Daniel Johnson and Charles McNeil.

Junior Master Gunner Competition: Joe Billings.

Master Gunner Competition: Paul Graves.

The Turkey Shoot winners received a \$200 gift certificate for the store of their choice, and the Master Gunner Competition winners received a \$250 gift certificate to Cabela's.

Junior lifeguard program slated

The Eyster Pool staff will sponsor an education program designed to provide youth ages 11 through 14 a foundation of aquatic and leadership skills preparing them for future successful completion of the Red Cross lifeguard training course.

Youth interested must be able to swim the front crawl for 25 meters while breathing to the front or side, tread water for one minute using arms and legs and submerge and swim under water for 10 feet.

Sign up begins at Eyster Pool Dec. 5. Classes will be taught from 1 to 2:30 p.m. every Saturday Jan. 7 through Feb. 25.

Cost is \$35 per person.

Swimmers may earn 'rewards'

The Eyster Pool staff is sponsoring a "Swim for My Life" program that encourages personal fitness by swimming laps.

Each participant can earn a water bottle for swimming 25 miles, a T-shirt for swimming 50 miles, a baseball cap for swimming 100 miles and a sweatshirt for swimming 200 miles.

For information on the program, call the pool staff at 239-9441.

Post fighters place fourth

1st Bn., 16th Inf., Soldier captures 170-pound crown

By Karl W. Johnson
363rd MPAD

Fort Riley Army Modern Combatives placed fourth as a team in an Army-wide tournament competition at Fort Benning, Ga., the first weekend in November.

Spec. Adrian De La Cruz of 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, won the 170-pound weight class after sweeping through a 16-man

bracket and tapping out a heavily favored 75th Ranger Regiment fighter in the third round of a grueling fight.

The 75th Ranger Rgt. combatants at Fort Benning won the 26-team tournament. Fort Campbell, Ky., and a team from Alaska tied for second. One hundred thirty-five fighters representing units from as far away as Italy and Alaska competed.

The top two teams, Forts Benning and Campbell, have full combatives programs, including support cadre.

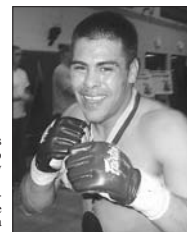
Staff Sgt. Keith Daniels of the 70th Engineer Battalion and Spc. Timothy Weinberg of Medical Department Activity at Fort Riley placed fourth in their weight classes. Five of the 10 Fort Riley Soldiers fighting in the tournament advanced to semi-final

bouts. Army Modern Combatives is the newest program designed to improve Soldier survivability skills when they are unarmed.

"Army combatives is something every Soldier should be learning," said Dave W. Durnil, a level three combatives instructor for Fort Riley's Troop School.

Rex Applegate wrote in his

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Courtesy photo
Spec. Adrian De La Cruz strikes a pose after winning his match at Fort Benning.

Close win



Post/Heronemus

Troopers Victoria Hill dribbles toward her basket as Eagle Shirley Stockton runs defense trying to get in front of her. Other Troopers rushing downcourt are Kylee Gray (13) and Natalya McCarroll (33).

Troopers hang on to defeat Eagles

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

Defense under the opponents' basket claimed a 20-19 home court victory for the Troopers Oct. 10.

Fort Riley Middle School's girls' eighth-grade B team defense repeatedly kept Anthony Middle School's Eagles from scoring in a final period marked by repeated Anthony runs at the basket. With a 20-16 lead and 1:08 left in the game, victory seemed locked up.

On another charge up the floor, however, Anthony's Chelsey Owen pulled up behind the arch and sunk the second Eagle three-point field goal of the game to bring her team within a point of the Troopers.

Five seconds remained. The Troopers set up to resume play while the Eagles' defense swarmed over them.

An Eagle deflected the inbound pass but the Troopers massed around the ball to

prevent another shot and the buzzer sounded the one-point win for the home team.

Victoria Hill hit the game's first score about a minute into the first period, connecting on a long shot that swished the net.

Anthony responded about two minutes later when Shirley Stockton stole the ball from a Trooper dribbler and drove past half-court to lay up the Eagles' first field goal.

Ashley Floro and Jasmynn Apodaca added two more trooper points each before the clock wound down to two minutes left in the six-minute period.

The scrappy Trooper defense stole several balls and kept the Eagles from scoring beneath the basket during the first period. The Troopers ended the quarter with a 6-2 lead.

Coach Mike Whaley changed his lineup for the second period, and the Eagles took immediate advantage of the new players.

Kaitlin Mondoux hit one of two free

throws and Stockton stole another ball and laid it up for another two points, closing the Trooper lead to one point.

Both defenses toughened, resulting in several tied up balls that created turnovers for both teams. Both teams suffered traveling and double dribble penalties that created more turnovers.

Stockton, who troubled the Troopers the entire game with her long dribbling runs from one end of the court to the other, scored on one of those layups to put the Eagles in front 7-6 close to the end of the half.

Paige Jonas played strongly in the key for the Troopers, defending shots and grabbing rebounds under both boards. An Eagle fouled her under the basket and Jonas stepped to the free throw line. She missed the charity shot but grabbed her own rebound and turned what might have been

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Army defeats Airmen 27-24

Victory brings week's award to whole team

Army News Service

WEST POINT, N.Y. — On the strength of its defeat of service academy rival Air Force in Colorado Springs, Colo., Nov. 5, the Army Athletic Association selected the entire Army football team for its Athlete of the Week award.

Army's 27-24 victory over Air Force was the Black Knights' first win in Falcon Stadium since a 31-6 victory on Nov. 5, 1977.

The win put Army at 2-6 for the season, but kept the cadets in contention for the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy. It was Army's second consecutive victory on the road, following a 20-0 win at Akron Oct. 22.

Carlton Jones ran for 146 yards and a touchdown against the Air Force. It was Jones' third 100-yard game this season. Scott Wessley ran for two second-half touchdowns for Army.

Army took a 3-0 lead on Justin Koenig's 39-yard field goal after Michael Herndon blocked a punt by Chris Carp on Air Force's first possession.

The Black Knights failed to capitalize on a second turnover, which led to Air Force's first score. The Falcons stopped Army on downs, then drove 60 yards on seven plays to position Carney for a 1-yard TD sneak to lead 7-3 in the first quarter.

The lead changed twice in the second quarter, with Jones running for a 22-yard touchdown for Army. Carney came right back with a 34-yard touchdown pass to Jason Brown, putting the Falcons ahead 14-10.

Army pulled within one point on Koenig's 22-yard field goal, but he missed a 28-yard attempt that would have given the lead.

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Area offers great variety for outdoors people

By Alan Hynek
Fish and Wildlife Biologist



Alan Hynek

Fort Riley is a well-known destination for those who enjoy the outdoors. It really is no coincidence that Fort Riley is known as one of the premier hunting and fishing installations within the Army. Just the fact that it is located in north central Kansas is an excellent start.

You would be hard pressed to find an area that has more species of game animals and in good numbers. Add to that some excellent management over the years, and Fort Riley has become

known as a destination for outdoor activity.

There is something for everyone, including hunting, fishing, hiking and nature photography. Several popular hunting seasons are in full swing, and with the start of the upland bird season this past weekend, it makes for an exciting time to enjoy the outdoors. But if hunting or fishing is not your forte, there are many other opportunities to enjoy the outdoors in the Flint Hills of Kansas.

The scenic Flint Hills found on Fort Riley offer the mountain biker a stiff challenge and the horseback rider with some excellent views. We have had some fantastic fall weather this year, so enjoy it while it lasts.

If you plan to take to the field, there are some basic regulations to keep in mind. All federal and state regulations pertaining to hunting and fishing are in effect on Fort Riley. In addition, some regulations are specific to Fort Riley, including:

- A Fort Riley Hunting Permit is required for all individuals, but is free of charge to those under 16 years of age or over 65. Permits can be purchased at any Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks vendor and through the KDWP Web page. They also may be purchased with a credit card at the Conservation Office, Building 1020.

- A Fort Riley permit is no longer required to fish on Fort Riley. However, anglers must possess a valid Kansas fishing permit, if required,

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Environmental Branch/Shawn Stratton

Post elk tagged

(From left) Johnathan Conard of Kansas State University; Jessica Cervus and Lou Bender of the U.S. Geological Survey out of New Mexico; and Rocky Fahey of Fort Riley's Environmental Branch, Directorate of Public Works; gather data this month from Elise, a cow elk on Fort Riley. Several elk were shot with a tranquilizer dart from a helicopter. Once on the ground, the researchers placed GPS collars on the elk to monitor their movements as part of Conard's research. Ticks were gathered to test for diseases. Sonograms also were performed to measure the animals' fat layers and other measurements were taken to assess their body conditions. A tooth was removed from each elk to establish its age. Blood samples were taken for DNA samples and to test for diseases and assess reproductive status. Elk also were injected with vitamins and an antibiotic to promote a full recovery from the stress of being tranquilized.

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a tying score into a new one-point lead for the Troopers.

The half ended with the Troopers ahead 8-7.

Fouled early in the third quarter, Hill hit the first of two charity shots to give the Troopers a 9-7 lead.

Stockton caught the inbound pass and ran the length of the floor again to tie the score at 9-9 when she pulled up short of the basket to shoot instead of driving for the layup.

Hill mimicked Stockton's effort successfully, putting the Troopers back in the lead by two points with barely a minute and a half gone in the quarter. She then drove for the basket on the next Trooper offensive play and laid in another two points to widen the lead to 13-9.

Apodaca then hit a long two-pointer and it appeared the Trooper offense had set itself to dominate the game.

But, Mondoux let a little air out of the Troopers' balloon with the first Anthony three-point field goal that reduced the spread to 15-12 when the quarter ended.

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Army took a 20-14 lead in the third quarter when Wesley broke a tackle at the 5 and ran into the end zone on fourth down.

Air Force then was penalized three times after reaching the Army 1 and had to settle for a 25-yard field goal by Scott Eberle.

Wesley's 1-yard TD run capped an 11-play, 75-yard drive to put Army ahead 27-17, and then Carney scored on a 7-yard run with 5:33 remaining to make it 27-24.

Air Force forced a punt and drove to the Army 48 in the final minute. But Chad Hall fumbled the ball, and Army defensive end Brandon Thompson recovered with 55 seconds left to preserve the win.

The win, which came in the rivals' 40th meeting, halted an eight-game Black Knight losing streak to the Falcons.

This victory also halted a six-game losing streak for the Black Knights in Commander in Chief's Trophy games and keeps alive Army's hopes for its first CIC Trophy title since 1996.

The Black Knights face Navy, which beat Air Force 27-24 on Oct. 8, in Philadelphia's Lincoln Financial Field on Dec. 3. The winner of that game will secure outright possession of the CIC Trophy.

Army has now won back-to-back road games for the first time since a three-game road winning streak in 1996. That also marks the last time the Black Knights have posted a three-game winning streak overall.

Air Force keeps rugby title

Army loses consolation match to revenging Marine team

Special to AFPS

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — Air Force cruised by Navy 46-14 in the championship match of the 2005 Armed Forces Rugby Championship Oct. 21. The win gave the Air Force its second consecutive Armed Forces rugby crown.

The match was a repeat of the 2004 championship, in which Air Force defeated Navy 23-12.

The competition was wide open after the first day of round-robin play Oct. 19. Air Force had been the favorite heading into the tournament after winning the 2004 Armed Forces Rugby Championship. The Marines rewarded the hometown fans in attendance with a 16-15 victory over the defending champion.

Later in the day, the Marines were forced to take on a fresh Army team that was playing in its first game. Though the Marine's dominated most of the game, a few mental mistakes cost them dearly and Army prevailed 14-6.

In other first-day action, Navy

defeated Coast Guard 24-19 as they scored in the final seconds of the match. Air Force proceeded to handle Navy 22-6 in their initial encounter.

In the final game of the day, Coast Guard and Army played to a 12-12 draw.

The second day of competition started just like the first day, with the Marines winning the first match. This time the Marines defeated the Coast Guard 5-0 in a hard-fought contest. Air Force crushed Army 40-8 in the second match, and Navy held on to defeat the Marines 35-17 after leading 35-0 at the half.

The championship stage was set after the Air Force clobbered the Coast Guard 37-0 on the final match of the day.

The Marines would play the Army in the consolation match, and the Air Force would be matched-up against the Navy in the championship match.

The Marines avenged an earlier loss by defeating the Army 32-7 in the consolation match.



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An Air Force player stiff-arms a Navy player during a match at the 2005 Armed Forces Rugby championship at Camp Lejeune, N.C., Oct. 17-22.

Soldiers run 30th Marine Marathon

By Bob Haskell

Army News Service

ARLINGTON, Va. — Jefferson Plaza One, where he works for the National Guard Bureau on most weekdays, looked pretty darned good to Lt. Col. Ed Siegfried on the last Sunday morning in October.

He was just three miles from finishing his first marathon the second time he passed the National Guard Bureau's joint headquarters, and he was on track for a very respectable 337th showing in the 30th Marine Corps Marathon.

Three other National Guard runners, members of the All-Guard team, finished among the top 38.

"Seeing JP1 gave me a real

boost," said Siegfried, who heads up the Operations Division in the Inspector General's Office on the 11th floor of the office building in the Crystal City section of Arlington County. I know that turf. I run there just about every day. I know where to push and where not to push. That was good to know because every muscle in my body was cramping up," he said.

Siegfried, 39, pushed hard enough to achieve one of his two goals. He qualified for next April's Boston Marathon, but he did not finish in under 3 hours.

That would have been icing on the cake for the man who began training seriously for his first marathon early this year and who was extremely satisfied with his performance on the pristine Octo-

ber day.

Siegfried ran the 26.2-mile course in 3 hours, 14 minutes and 12 seconds. That qualified him to run in Boston because he had to finish in 3 hours, 15 minutes to qualify for the 35-39 male age group.

Technically, he could have qualified by finishing in under 3 hours, 20 minutes because he will be 40 by next April, he explained.

Siegfried finished 337th overall among the 19,211 men and women who finished the non-pedigree "People's Marathon," according to the official results. The Marines accepted up to 30,000 registrations, 8,000 more than last year, for their marathon's 30th birthday. He finished 309th among the men runners.

Runners included Ruben Garcia, 34, from Mexico City who won the race for the third time in 2:22:14. Susannah Kvasnicka of Great Falls, Va., captured the women's title in 2:47:07.

It also included 23 members of the All-Guard team, Hawaii Air Guard Staff Sgt. Chris Larson, a member of the team, led all Guard runners by finishing 24th in 2:38:06. Puerto Rico Air Guard 2nd Lt. William Bohike came in 36th in 2:41:46, and Pennsylvania Army Guard Staff Sgt. Troy Harrison finished 38th in 2:41:49.

Wyoming Army Guard 1st Lt. Martha Swatt-Robison was the first woman All-Guard finisher. She ran the distance in 3:49:38 and finished 461st among the women and 2,226th overall.

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Arms range helps shooters stay sharp



Tom Duckworth, game warden, fires his revolver at the Perennially Owned Weapons Range on Fort Riley.

By Darrin Fry
363rd MPAD/Fry

Peering over the sights of his revolver, Tom Duckworth, a game warden on post, focuses intently on his practice target. The gunpowder blast pierces his ears as the bullet pierces the practice target.

An experienced shooter and hunter, Duckworth praises the availability of Range 9, where he can practice with his own weapons.

The Fort Riley Privately Owned Weapons Range is a volunteer undertaking. It is organized by retired Lt. Col. Marty Utzig, now a civilian employee on post. Utzig heads up volunteer recruitment and coordination.

The range is operated on Saturdays and Sundays only, from about 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Maj. Kim Zimmerman, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 4th Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, is one of about 15 regular volunteer range safety officers who rotate duty at the Privately Owned Weapons Range.

"This range is a godsend for us because there really is nowhere else to go around here," Zimmerman said.

The POW range offers targets up to 300 meters, he said, while the nearest alternate facility only

If you go:

Take 1st Division Road up to Custer Hill, where Appenines Drive splits off. Stay on 1st Division Road and you will see Range 9 on the right.

There will be a building on the range, and the Range Safety Officer will check your ID and personal weapons registration.

Registration:

All weapons capable of firing a projectile using an explosive or compressed charge must be registered on post, including shotguns, rifles, handguns, BB, pellet guns and paintball guns.

Soldiers can register them through their unit commander. Civilians can register them at the Provost Marshal's Office.

military ID card accompanies them, Love said.

Love enjoys teaching his 6-year-old son, TJ, how to shoot his Walter P.22 at the range. "I try to get out there as often as possible. I bring him out there and he shoots the .22," Love said.

Love also shoots his HK USP 45 tactical and Soviet Sniper Rifle SVD. It would be difficult and

expensive to find a practice range allowing him to shoot those weapons, he said.

The POW Range allows the following weapons only: .17 caliber to .45 caliber pistols, .22 caliber to .458 caliber rifles and shotguns up to 10 gauge. Automatic weapons and explosive rounds are not allowed, said Sgt 1st Class Don Love, Detachment 2, 648th Area Support Group.

The range is used by some shooters to keep seasonal skills sharp. "I bring out my hunting weapons to make sure that I am in practice for when hunting season begins," Duckworth said.

The range averages between five and 20 participants a day, depending largely on weather conditions. Zimmerman said, "although I've been out here in the snow before."

Scheduling is handled through the post Outdoor Recreation Department, 239-2249.

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and a current Kansas Trout Stamp to fish for trout in Moon Lake.

- Individuals may hunt, fish or pursue other outdoor recreational pursuits on an equal basis regardless of military affiliation, except that only Department of Defense ID card holders and their accompanying guests may use firearms south of Vinton School Road. All other outdoor recreational activities are allowed for non DoD ID cardholders south of Vinton School Road.

- All firearms must be registered with the Provost Marshal's Office, which can be done at the Conservation Office and the Vehicle Registration Center at the 12th Street Access Control Point. Military personnel are required to register their firearms with their company commander.

- For safety reasons and to provide wildlife management data, all hunters, except firearms deer hunters that check in or out at the Conservation Office, must physically sign in and out each day at one of the 10 designated self-service hunter check stations located on post.

- Army Regulations require all hunters to complete a certified NRA-approved or equivalent hunter education course before hunting on Fort Riley. All hunters, regardless of age, must carry proof of hunter education on their person while hunting on Fort Riley. Youth hunters that do not meet the age requirements to receive a Hunter Education Card must carry proof of course com-

pletion in the form of a letter from certified instructor.

- All vehicles must have a valid outdoor recreational vehicle marker displayed in the windshield of the vehicle. Markers may be obtained at the Conservation Office during normal business days or at the 12th Street ACP on weekends and holidays.

- Firearms and bows shall not be shot within 200 meters of any building, body of troops or restricted area or across any improved road. Firearms and bows shall not be shot within 100 meters of any improved road. An improved road is any concrete, asphalt or gravel road or tank trail.

- The military mission has precedence over the announced hunting seasons. The Fort Riley Military Reservation or portions of it may be closed at anytime without prior notice because of military activities. Security measures may be implemented at anytime without notice.

For more information, call 239-6211 visit the Conservation Office.

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book, "Kill or Get Killed," that "unarmed combat is just what the name implies — a system of fighting intended for use when weapons are not available or when their use is not advisable."

"The guy who wins a hand-to-hand fight is the guy whose buddy shows up with a gun," Durnil acknowledged, but added, "there will be times when using that weapon is not an option. We're not unrealistic about the realities of fighting, but we also know there are certain times when you can't Kevlar-smash someone," Durnil said.

"I think it (combatives) does a lot of core things for the Soldier," he said. "It gives them an escalated amount of weapons."

Army combatives is a combination of several types of martial arts with a foundation in Brazilian jujitsu.

"Combatives is a great workout," said De La Cruz, a recent graduate of the level one program at Fort Riley. It's also a great way to lose weight or work off stress, he added.

Durnil said the Army combatives program is broken into four levels. He teaches levels one and two at Long Gym on post.

"The level one course is 40 hours long, and level two is 80 hours," he said. "Both are good for college credit."

Want more information?

Anyone interested in learning more about Modern Army Combatives or any other class offered at the Fort Riley Troop School should call 239-5432.

Each succeeding level of combatives training builds on the skills learned in the previous level, with the ultimate that graduates will take what they learn back to their units, according to the Army Modern Combatives homepage.

Level one students learn basic Army combatives techniques. Level two students build on these techniques and begin to focus on philosophy and methodology. Levels three and four are advanced level courses only offered at Fort Benning.

"The toughest part about teaching Army combatives is getting leadership to take the training seriously," Durnil said. "A lot of Soldiers know who the best runner in their platoon is, but who's the best fighter? And why shouldn't that (also) be important?"

One good way to encourage the training is through competition,

he said. The Army sponsors combatives tournaments that give Soldiers opportunities to use their training in a competitive atmosphere.

In October, Durnil took nine of his students to a tournament at Fort Sill, Okla. "Out of six weight classes, we had two first-place finishers and one second place," he said.

Some people don't see the importance of the Army combatives program, Durnil said, but Soldiers who have been through the course know that this type of additional training can make the difference in a tough situation.

"Tell them to drop their M-16 or M-4 in a fight and then see what happens," suggested Staff Sgt. Mark A. Jackson, a recent 70th Eng. Bn. graduate of the level one combative class.



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America's Warfighting Center

Friday, November 18, 2005

Leisuretime ideas

At the movies:

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 11 and under. Children under the age of 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

Nov. 18 – Two for the Money (R)
Nov. 19 – Lord of War (R)
Nov. 20 – Into The Blue (PG-13)

For more information, call 784-2226 or 784-2640.

Get away and explore Kansas. Check out details on these and other events on the Kansas Travel & Tourism Web site, www.travelKS.com.

Junction City:

What: Junction City High School production of "The Trouble With Summer People"
When: 7:30 p.m. Nov. 18 and 19

Where: Settles Auditorium, Junction City High School
Cost: \$3 at the door

What: "Nuncrackers." Junction City Little Theatre stage production of the popular comedy about a convent of nuns and the dilemmas they face.

When: 8 p.m. Nov. 25 and 26 and Dec. 2 and 3; 2 p.m. Dec. 4

Where: Junction City Little Theatre on 18th Street near the Buffalo Soldier Memorial.

Phone: 238-6220

Admission: \$12 for adults, \$7 for students

What: "aLL ThaT JaZZ" Dinner, jazz concert and DJ After Party. Combo Nation and Swing Machine will play standard and modern jazz pieces plus some swing numbers. Artists include college professor Wayne Goins, vocalist Rebecca Smith and Kansas State University students taught by Goins.

When: Nov. 19, dinner at 6 p.m., concert at 7 p.m. and after party following the concert

Where: George Smith Public Library Building, 103 W. Seventh St.

Cost: \$36 for dinner concert and After Party, \$26 for concert and After Party. Tickets available at Fort Riley ITR, JC's Best Coffee at Sixth and Washington Streets, and James Hair Salon at Sixth and Washington Streets.

Phone: (785) 209-1743.

Abilene:

What: 6th annual Christmas parade and lighting of the Union Pacific Depot.

When: 11 a.m. Nov. 19

Where: Downtown

Phone: 263-263-1770

Admission: Free

Salina:

What: "The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill," documentary movie rated G. The movie is about the birds and a man who has spent years studying them and coming to love them.

When: 5 and 7 p.m. Nov. 24 and 25; 2, 5, 7 and 9 p.m. Nov. 26; 2, 5 and 7 p.m. Nov. 27; 5 and 7:30 p.m. Nov. 28, 29 and 30.

Where: Art Cinema Center, 150 S. Santa Fe

Phone: (785) 452-9868

Web site: cinema@salinaartcenter.org

Cost: \$7 for nonmembers, \$5 for shows beginning before 6 p.m.

Holly days



Photo provided by Terry Tietjens

The Seelye Mansion in Abilene is dressed in seasonal decorations each Christmas as an added attraction for tourists.

Mansion dresses in holiday finery

By Mike Heronemus
 Editor

Seelye Mansion in Abilene dresses in Christmas finery each season. No other holiday season gets special treatment at the 100-year old home that opens its doors to tourists year round, said owner Terry Tietjens.

Christmas played a significant part in the Seelye family history in the home, he explained. "The first meal in the dining room was on Christmas Day 1905. In 1906, the Seelyes during World War II, Tietjens said. They would be

mas."

The family shipped in poinsettias from California for that seasonal celebration, Tietjens said. "It was one of the first times poinsettias were used as Christmas decorations in Kansas," he added.

Mrs. A.B. Seelye also died during one Christmas season, so the connection between the mansion and this holiday season was very important to Marion and Helen, the Seelye daughters who eventually sold the home to Tietjens.

Fort Riley enlisted Soldiers were often guests of the Seelyes during World War II, Tietjens said. They would be

invited to stay at the mansion and enjoy the Seelye hospitality at all times of the year.

It takes about a week to decorate the mansion fronting Buckeye Street, Tietjens said. A core group of four to five people decorate inside and out, using about 50 Christmas trees and 150 poinsettias. The outside of the mansion has been lined with red Christmas lights for the past two years, Tietjens said. Before that, it was lined with blue lights.

A lot of Abilene residents also decorate trees outside their homes lining Buckeye Street.

The Seelye Mansion should be decorated and ready for visitors the day after Thanksgiving, Tietjens said. The decorations stay up through the first full week of January.

Tourists visiting Seelye Mansion during Christmas will be treated to freshly baked cookies every day, Tietjens said. Tietjens' bakers use cookie recipes of Marion and Helen Seelye.

If you go:

Directions: From Fort Riley, take Interstate 70 west to Exit 275 at Abilene. Turn left at the end of the exit ramp and follow Buckeye Street to 11th Street. Turn left on 11th to the mansion entrance on the left side of the street.

Hours: Tours start 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday; noon to 4 p.m. Sunday; grounds close at 6 p.m. daily; closed Christmas Day. Individuals can join any tour in progress at any time. Tours take 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Special evening tours can be arranged.

Cost: \$10 for single adults; \$5 for single children age 6 to 12; \$7.50 per person for groups of 10 to 29; \$5 per person for groups of 30 or more.

Phone: (785) 263-1084

About the home:

The Seelye Mansion is one of the finest homes in Kansas. A New York architect designed the new home in Georgian style for Dr. and Mrs. A.B. Seelye in 1904. It was built in 1905 at a cost of \$55,000. The mansion contains the original furniture and Edison light fixtures. You will tour 25 rooms, including 11 bedrooms, bathroom, bowling alley and kitchen areas. Special items of interest are the dining room, music room with gold French furniture and a Steinway Grand piano, library and the Tiffany-designed fireplace in the grand hall.



Photo provided by Terry Tietjens

Inside the Seelye Mansion, Christmas decorations include about 50 trees and 150 poinsettias. Visitors also are treated to freshly baked cookies each day.

Arts council offers RADIO DAYS show

By Gail Parsons
 Director, JCAC

Five by Design and the Topkapi Symphony will present RADIO Holly days at 7 p.m. Dec. 8 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Junction City.

The performance recalls the importance of radio and music to American citizens during World War II and a time when the console radio allowed popular big bands to turn living rooms into make-believe ballrooms.

Honoring what Tom Brokaw has termed "America's greatest generation," Five by Design recreates a

poignant time capsule of American life during the war years.

As "Sentimental Journey" opens the production, the audience is transported to a seemingly simpler time when an evening's entertainment emanated from the amber glow of vacuum tubes in a wooden radio cabinet.

RADIO DAYS takes an affectionate look at children's programming, soap operas, game shows, adventure serials, commercial and the songs that were etched in the nation's psyche.

The symphony's musical selections are combined with celebrity appearances by big band leader Kay

Kyser, Betty Grable and the diva of the tutti-frutti hat, Carmen Miranda.

The show reaches its climax as a Soldier and his bride embrace for a farewell dance to "I'll Be Seeing You."

The play list includes "Let It Snow," "Sleigh Ride," Three Little Fishies," "The Lone Ranger," "Moonlight in Vermont," and "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" in the first act and "Mammy," "Winter Wonderland," "White Christmas," Rosie the Riveter," and "Chattanooga Choo-Choo" in the second act, among other tunes.

A reception with light refreshments precedes the performance

and a meet and greet with the performers follows the show.

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An art exhibit featuring work by Geary County elementary and middle school children opens at the Junction City Arts Council gallery, W. Seventh St., with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Nov. 18.

This exhibit is scheduled to run through the Thanksgiving weekend.

The JCAC Art Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. The Junction City Arts Council has launched its Web Site. Visit www.junctioncityarts.org to learn what the JCAC has to offer.

KSU band to play concert

By Erinn R. Barcomb
 Kansas State University

MANHATTAN – The Kansas State University Marching Band is taking its halftime show off the field and into Ahearn Field House for a concert at 5 p.m. Nov. 20. The marching band, The Pride of Wildcat Land, will perform music from the 2005 football season.

The K-State Classy Cats, color guard and featured twirler also will perform.

The band will play seated, concert-style, but the musical selections will be anything but typical concert fare. Director Frank Tracz said the pieces include spirited school songs and cheers.

Tracz said the performance will be recorded for a compact disc, which can be ordered at the event. The CD also will be available at a later date for purchase at the K-State Student Union Bookstore on campus and at Varney's Book Store, 623 N. Manhattan Ave., in Manhattan.

Admission to the concert is free but donations will be accepted to offset costs of putting on the concert.

Arts center offers 'deal'

By Shauna Tominey
 Manhattan Arts Center

To show appreciation for the military community, Manhattan Arts Center will offer half-priced tickets to military ID card holders attending the theatre production "I'll Be Back Before Midnight" at 2 p.m. Nov. 20.

Regular ticket price is \$12; special military price is \$6. Call 537-4420 to reserve tickets.

"I'll Be Back Before Midnight" tells the story of Greg and Jan, a husband and wife who rent a small farmhouse in the country in order to rekindle their relationship. Jan has just recovered from a severe nervous disorder and isn't thrilled about being in the country.

The landlord tells them of a gruesome murder that happened in the house and of a ghost that haunts the area. Jan's vivid imagination starts to take hold of her.

With frightening twists and turns around each corner, this play unfolds in a night of spine-tin-gling events.

If you go:

What: RADIO DAYS Time: 7 p.m., Dec. 8

Where: Courtyard by Marriott, Junction City

Cost: \$20 per person, \$18 for military, \$10 for youth

Tickets: Available at Fort Riley ITR and the Junction City Arts Council, 107 W. Seventh St.